

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Price County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

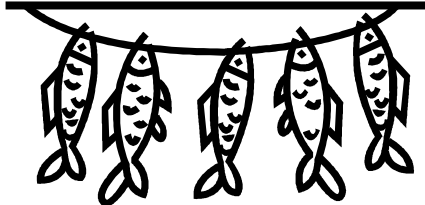
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Price County, **21,659** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

Investments in Recreation

18,250 extended growth walleye were stocked in **seven bodies of water in Price County** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative** in the fall of 2014. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

In fiscal year 2014, **Tussock State Trail** had close to **34,592 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$4,274,533**.

Price County has over **19,969 acres of state owned land** open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The DNR has recently **invested \$180,622 in capital development funds** in Price County, including improvements at the Flambeau River State Forest.

Community Partnerships

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **170 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Price County.

Price County has **80 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

DNR held its annual kids' fishing day for **third-grade students** from three schools at Coolidge Springs Trout Ranch to teach skills and recruit new anglers.

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Snapshot of grants in Price County

A total of **\$669,562** was awarded to Price County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: Musser Lake aquatic invasive species control, Lac Sault Dore Clean Boats-Clean Waters, Phillips Chain of Lakes aquatic invasive species early detection and response project and trail maintenance.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

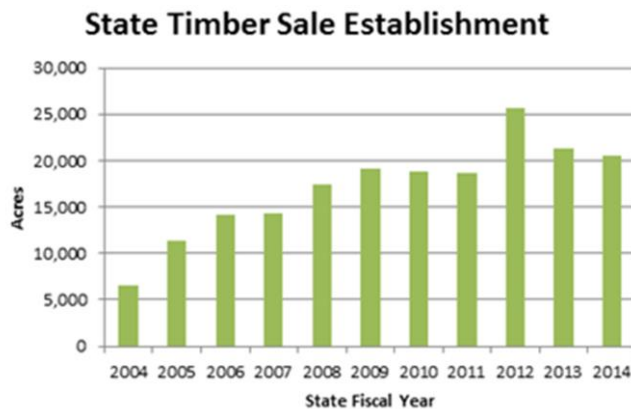
Forestry is the largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$370.5 million, providing \$85.3 million in added value to the county.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **139,287 acres** of private land in Price County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **69,806 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

In the last three fiscal years, **Price County Forest has received over \$158,000 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest land.

Since 2005, **over 25,070 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Price County. The harvests provided more than **\$866,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 643 contaminated properties** resulting in **154 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR responded to nine spills of hazardous materials over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$109,658 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Price County

In 2014, Price County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with nine landowners who have over 8,100 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 3,971 deer were registered in Price County with 1,046 harvested during archery deer season and 2,925 harvested during the gun deer season.